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## **Michigan adopting updated GED test scoring** *Move will help more residents reach educational, career goals*

**February 22, 2016** – Michigan is adopting changes to the GED high-school equivalency test scoring that will help hundreds of residents achieve their educational and career goals, according to Stephanie Comai, director of the state Talent Investment Agency.

The change, which has been made by 32 other states to date based on the recommendation of the GED Testing Service, updates the test's passing score for high-school equivalency to 145 from 150. The new scoring system will be retroactive to Jan. 1, 2014, and will positively impact 700 Michigan adults who previously took the test. Anyone who scored between 145 – 149 since Jan. 1, 2014, will be notified that they passed the test in light of this change.

"This is a positive step for Michigan adults who are continuing on their career pathways," Comai said. "Earning a GED credential will open the door to opportunities such as post-secondary education and steady employment. This change enjoys the strong support of numerous stakeholders and is the right move for Michigan's families and economy."

GED Testing Service based its recommendation on a comprehensive national review of the educational outcomes of program graduates during an 18-month period. It found that GED holders perform competitively with high-school graduates in college. In fact, those who passed the GED need less college remediation than their high-school graduate peers.

Those who are affected by the updated scoring system should check their email for a notification from the GED Testing Service or check their MyGED account.

The Talent Investment Agency oversees adult education programs in Michigan. For more information regarding the GED or other adult education services visit [www.michigan.gov/wda](http://www.michigan.gov/wda).

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